upper Indravati Hydro Electric Projects in Orissa;

(b) the other Hydro-Electric projects being executed in that State at present;

(c) the annual capacity and power generation performance of those hydroelectric projects; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) Upper Kolab H.E. Project which is in operation generated 231 MUs till October, 1998 against the target of 520 MUs for the year 1998-99. Upper Indravati H.E. Project (4×150 MW) is under execution and is likely to be commissioned during 1999-2000. Details of other hydro-electric projects under execution in the State of Orissa are as under:

Name of the Project	Installed Capacity (MW)	Likely date of commissioning	Annual Energy Potential (GWH)
Pottery small HEP	2×3	1999-2000	43.6
Balimela Extn. HEP	2×75	2001-2002	Peaking Station

Counter Guarantee to Fast Track Power Projects

1056. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has lately signed a counter guarantee to the third fast track power project, after the ENRON and the GVK projects;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) how many such fast track power projects are still pending issuance of such counter guarantees by Government?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) During the month of August, 1998 the Government have issued counter-guarantee in the case of the Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project (1040 MW) of M/s. Hinduja National Power Company Ltd. (HNPCL) in Andhra Pradesh, Bhadravati Thermal Power Project (1082 MW) of M/s Central India Power Company (CIPCO) in Maharashtra and 250 MW single unit lignite based Neyveli Thermal Power Project of M/s ST-CMS Electric Company in Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Counter guarantee has not been issued for the 1000 MW Mangalore power project of M/s Mangalore Power Company. The Government of India has decided that further steps for issue of counter guarantee for this project would be taken once the decision of the Supreme Court on the SLP filed by Government of Karnataka against the judgment of High Court of Karnataka in the Public Interest Writ Petition No. 1069697 is available. Apart from this, the issue of counter guarantee to Ib Valley power project of M/s AES Transpower in Orissa, for which counter guarantee was issued earlier, may have to be considered afresh as the project parameteres have undergone changes.

ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम के योजना परिव्यय में कटौती

1057. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पिछले वर्षों की तुलना में वर्ष 1998-99 में ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम के लिए परिव्यय को अत्यधिक कम कर दिया गया है;